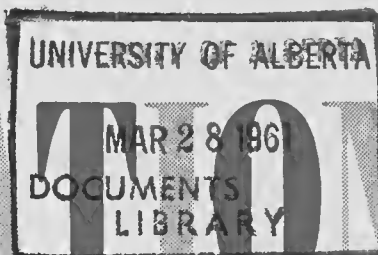
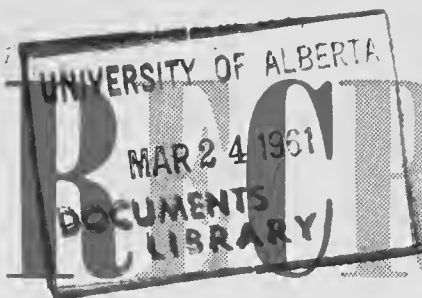


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## CALGARY HOSTS LIBRARY BOARD DURING 61st ANNUAL MEETING

Members of the Alberta Library Board held their 61st meeting on February 25th at the Calgary School Board Library Service Centre. Board members are all volunteers, laymen and librarians; but one thing they have in common; they are all keenly interested in public library development in the province and are anxious to see it expanded and improved. Their deliberations and discussions occupied the whole of the day. Some of their business was of a routine nature but some of the ideas on the agenda are of concern to most of the public libraries in the province; particularly to the voluntary custodians of the many community libraries in the rural areas.

With a view to giving these dedicated people as much help as possible, the Board considered the question of formulating standards for such libraries and encouraging local library boards to improve their service in order to reach these standards, so that they may be able to offer a better service to the people they serve and enable their libraries to be more effective.

The Board recognizes the need of many of the rural libraries for help and guidance in book selection, and it was suggested that the Libraries Division of the Cultural Activities Branch might help by distributing monthly lists of recommended books. These could be set out in the form of an accurate catalogue entry, so that rural custodians would be made aware of some of the best books which are being published today and could use the information given for their own records. Details of the scheme were worked out roughly and it is hoped that these buying lists

will be circulated during the month of April and at monthly intervals thereafter.

These items as well as such things as grants to libraries and scholarships to be awarded, occupy much of the time of the Board at its quarterly meetings. Local custodians, particularly those in rural communities may be glad to know that this official body is concerned with their welfare, and is one to which they can turn for advice and assistance when problems arise which effect their libraries.

## Band Instrument Repair Course Offered At Calgary

Through the kind co-operation of the General Officer commanding Western Command, and Captain H. Wragg, Inspector of Bands a course in band instrument repair will be held at Currie Barracks, Calgary, April 9-15.

A maximum of ten applicants from community and school bands will be given complete training on most of the problems encountered in the repair of band instruments. Classes will begin each day at 8:30 a.m. and carry through until 5:00 p.m.

Each civilian student will be responsible for his own room and board while attending the six-day course which is being offered free of charge to all applicants. The Army cannot however as-

## Several High Schools Enter Productions At Three Drama Festivals

Dates, places, and the names of the adjudicators have now been finalized for the three High School Drama Festivals being held in Alberta this year under the co-sponsorship of the Department of Education and the Drama Division of the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch.

The Grande Prairie Festival, March 10th and 11th, with entries from Hythe, Grande Prairie, Beaverlodge, High Prairie and Spirit River with Jack McCreath adjudicating. Peace River Drama Festival will be held the following week, March 17th and 18th, with Manning, Grimshaw, Dixonville, Berwyn, Slave Lake and Peace River competing, and with Gordon Peacock head of the Drama Department, University of Alberta adjudicating. The third festival will be held in Tofield, March 24th and 25th, with Lamont, Vermilion, Vegreville and Dewberry competing, and with Walter Kaasa adjudicating.

The three High School Drama Festivals being held this year are being considered in the nature of a trial-run for the first province-wide drama festivals to be held next year.

Members of committees in these three areas where festivals are being held this season are invited to attend these festivals and give them their support.

sume any responsibility for any accident occurring while the student is on army property.

Members of Bands wishing to take advantage of this excellent training opportunity should contact the Supervisor of Music, Room 425, Legislative Building, Edmonton as soon as possible.



# RIMBEY RECREATION PROGRAM PROVIDES HEALTHFUL ACTIVITIES



Shown at the Rimbey Library is Mrs. Evelyn Abbot a resident of the town. A member of the regional library scheme, Rimbey maintains the library at a convenient location.

The value of an enthusiastic full time recreational director is immediately apparent at Rimbey. The community-minded town situated west of Lacombe appointed a Recreation Director two years ago and since that time has seen many developments in recreational facilities.

The centre of activities for the town is four lots of crown land situated in the north-east corner of Rimbey. Here during the winter two open air skating rinks support the avid interest of junior skaters and beginners without interfering with a juvenile hockey league. Each group has ice available in this manner. It is surprising that a town the size of Rimbey has 90 boys in hockey teams playing in a inter-community league as well as two teams in a senior outside league. Casual skaters numbering 75 to 100 regularly make use of the other rink. Part of the program for the winter includes the employment of a full time rink manager who is responsible for the ice on both rinks and general maintenance of the dressing rooms.

Located in close proximity to the rinks are several rides and playground fixtures for the very young citizens.

The well laid out playground is a centre of activity during the summer affording a safe, interesting place to play.



Recreation Director Gordon Fenwick is shown outlining the program to Barrie Speelman, Recreation News reporter, at the playground site at Rimbey.

Another example of the co-operation received by the recreation department in the town is illustrated by the local golf club. The members of the privately owned course have made their facilities available to the department at no cost. Junior instruction in golf will commence during the coming summer. The curling club at Rimbey has also made the sheets available to the recreation department on a similar basis.

Although there is no swimming pool in the town, a lake situated nearby is the scene of a swimming instructional course during the summer. Plans for the coming year include further development of this outdoor site.

Part of the regional library scheme, Rimbey operates a small library in the Health Unit building. The downtown location of the library provides easy and convenient access to the townspeople.

The Town of Rimbey operates the Recreation Department on a budget of \$5,000.00 per year. It is anticipated the funds will be increased as the facilities and population grow. The close liaison between the Recreation Directors and the Town council has paid dividends in a well planned and executed program and is sure to be of value far in excess of the investment.





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## MEET THE STAFF RECREATION AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BRANCH



The purpose of this Branch is to assist communities with the organization and operation of broad recreation and continuing education programs that offer opportunity to all; and to encourage talented residents of the province, so that they may best realize their own potential and whenever possible, give leadership and service to their community, thus contributing to the cultural development of the nation.

The Branch offers leadership training, consultative services and financial assistance to communities in developing organization and program.

The staff of this Branch will be most pleased to offer you any assistance they can on request. Use their knowledge to help build your community programs.



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## Synchronized Swim Course To Be Held At Edmonton Pool

Small communities and swim clubs will find the Synchronized Swimming Clinic to be held May 12 and 13 of special interest.

The Community Recreation Bureau in co-operation with the Synchronized Swimming Association will sponsor the clinic for men and women.

The Hamilton Memorial pool at the School of Physical Education, University of Alberta will be the site of the two-day training school.

Included on the syllabus for the clinic will be: Teaching techniques (floating, sculling, basic figures), club management, demonstrations, team demonstration by the Edmonton Aquadettes, and discussion sessions.

### RECREATION LEADERSHIP SCHOOL 1961

Applications are available for the 1961 Recreation Leadership School. Write in now as registration in all courses is limited.

To be eligible:

1. Age limit, 17 as of July 1st, 1961.
2. Minimum of Grade X education.
3. Must be physically fit.
4. Person over 21 without Grade X education will be interviewed.
5. Nominated by local recreation body or responsible organization.

## BRITISH PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXPERT TO INSTRUCT AT REC LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Miss M. Caudwell, Principal Lecturer in Physical Education, City of Coventry Training College, England, will be on the staff of the 1961 Recreation Leadership School and will offer Educational Gymnastics to first and second year students as an option in their general course.

Students electing Educational Gymnastics will attend classes in this subject for two hours per day. During the remaining time, they will attend the required courses leading to certification.

A maximum of 25 students will be permitted in this special course. Preference will be given to elementary and junior high school teachers and to recreation leaders responsible for youngsters within the range of 5-15 years.

Graduates of the Leadership School who wish to return for this course will be welcomed. A special timetable can be arranged to include such other courses as they may elect.

Educational gymnastics offers a freer approach to the teaching of skills in tumbling and apparatus work, based on principles of movement developed by Rudolph Laban.

Within a specified age group, any teacher will find children of differing physical ability and an aptitude for different qualities of movement. In order to extend every child in a class to the maximum, the teacher presents tasks to the class and the work develops from the children's response to the



Miss Margaret Caudwell

teacher. In this way each child's natural movement potential can be encouraged and developed and every member of the class is expected to contribute by thought, imagination and ingenuity as well as physical effort.

The children thus gain mastery over themselves in a wide variety of situations. The experience of solving problems and moving in many different ways develops a feeling for movement. As a vocabulary of movement is built up, it can then be used advantageously in the learning of many other physical skills — eg. — games, swimming, track and field, etc.

A teacher using this method of approach to the teaching of physical education requires sound knowledge of the fundamental principles of movement training and good observation of movement. During the course emphasis will be laid on the consideration of methods and material suitable for developing this work, and students will be helped to observe children working on these lines.

Miss Caudwell offered a course in Educational Gymnastics at the 1959 Recreation Leadership School. Since then this method of teaching has been attempted in some Edmonton schools with considerable success. Teachers find that it places more emphasis on the individual and the teacher is helped to analyze the child's movement more quickly and more accurately. Children enjoy their gymnastic periods. They learn to use their bodies effectively and they are stimulated to think for themselves.

## FLIP OF THE FEZ TO...

MEDICINE HAT MUSICAL THEATRE for their recent tremendously successful production of OKLAHOMA.

To the JASPER RECREATION BOARD for the very fine modern skating arena.

To the JASPER SKI CLUB for their very splendid organization of the Canadian Junior Ski Championships. A further flip to the Alberta team for winning the event and showing such commendable sportsmanship.

THE COMMUNITIES visited by our editor and photographer for such fine hospitality.

To the CAPHER CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE on the national convention program in June.

To the EDMONTON PROGRAM COM-



MITTEE in obtaining Mr. John Fisher as key speaker for the P.R.A.C. Conference — Edmonton, August 17-31, 1961.

BELLEVUE in establishing their Recreation Board.

LARRY JOHNSON (RLS/60) busy with program in Barrhead.

KAREN BOWER (RLS/60) voted 'teenager of the year in Leduc.